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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.99, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following references which the Examiner may consider to be material to examination of the subject application.

Copies of the references are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed references and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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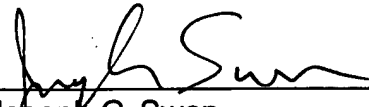
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the enclosed references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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